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Amendments to the Claims:

- 1 (currently amended): A method for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, comprising:
entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application;
accessing a dictionary service;
attempting to obtain a definition of the shorthand term; and
displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application without replacing the shorthand term entered in the document creation application.
- 2 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the shorthand term is a Short Messaging Service (SMS) term.
- 3 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.
- 4 (currently amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises selecting a shorthand term from within the application by highlighting the shorthand term.
- 5 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary over a network that is searched.
- 6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein the network is the Internet.
- 7 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

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8 (original): The method of Claim 6, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

9 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for utilizing a shorthand term dictionary service, the instructions comprising:
comprising:
entering a SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application;
accessing a dictionary service over a network;
obtaining a definition of the shorthand term;
providing the definition to the application; and
displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application without replacing the entered SMS shorthand term.

10 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 9, wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box.

11 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein entering the SMS shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application further comprises selecting a shorthand term from within the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 8, wherein accessing the dictionary service, further comprises accessing at least one dictionary of shorthand terms.

13 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the network is the Internet.

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14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application further comprises making the definition selectable from within the application.

15 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising inserting the definition into the application when the definition is selected.

16 (currently amended): A system for a shorthand dictionary service, comprising:
a first computing device that is coupled to a network and that includes a dictionary service application that is configured to perform actions, including:

receiving a shorthand term from a second computing device; wherein the shorthand term is received directly from within an application on the second computing device having a writing area and a search box;

searching for a definition of the shorthand term within a dictionary; and

providing a result based on the search; wherein the result is displayed within the application on the second computing device without replacing the shorthand term.

~~a second computing device coupled to the network and having a display, and an application having a writing area and a search box, wherein the application is configured to perform actions, including:~~

~~receiving the shorthand term directly from within the application to be defined;~~

~~sending the term to the first computing device;~~

~~receiving the result; and~~

~~displaying the result.~~

17 (currently amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein ~~receiving~~ the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device ~~to be defined~~, further comprises receiving the shorthand term from the search box.

18 (currently amended): The system of Claim 16, wherein ~~receiving~~ the shorthand term is received directly from within the application on the second computing device ~~to be~~

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~~defined~~, further comprises selecting the shorthand term from within writing area of the application by highlighting the shorthand term.

19 (original): The system of Claim 16, wherein the network is the Internet.

20 (original): The system of Claim 19, wherein displaying the result, further comprises displaying the result such that a definition of the shorthand term is selectable.

21 (currently amended): The system of Claim 20, further comprising inserting the definition into the writing area of the application on the second computing device when the definition is selected.